1. Rajiv Gandhi Medical College, Thane.
2. Dr. Panjabrao Allied Bhausaheb Deshmukh Memorial Medical College, Amravati.
3. Seth G.S. Medical College, Mumbai.
4. Maharashtra Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Latur.
5. LTM Medical College, Mumbai.
6. K.J. Somaiya Medical College, Mumbai.

(b) and (c) This information is not centrally maintained Action to fill up vacancies of teaching staff is taken by the State Government. However, the Central Government informs the State Governments from time to time to filling up the vacancies.

Authority of CMO in clinical investigations

2039. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the powers of the CMO of the CGHS dispensaries in Delhi with regard to allowing clinical investigations and sanction of medicines;

(b) how does such powers compare with those of the Government specialist doctors;

(c) whether Government have come across variation in the exercise of such power by CMOs in VIP and the ordinary dispensaries causing inconvenience to common beneficiaries; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to ensure that a beneficiary gets maximum medical support at the dispensary level rather than being referred to specialists for normal/routine long term medicines?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) and (b) The CMO Incharge of the dispensaries have the power equivalent to specialist doctors to allow clinical investigations as well as get the medicines purchased through local Chemist in emergency.

(c) Government has not received any complaint in this regard.

(d) In view of (c) above, the question does not arise.

Anaemia and underweight Children

2040. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that malnutrition ails Indian kids and the figure for anaemia and underweight has reached upto an alarming level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the achievement of our scheme to make our children healthier, State-wise;

(d) whether Government contemplate to launch any scheme/ programme specially for mental and physical development of kids; and

(e) the comparative study of above from China?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (e) Malnutrition, including anemia, is a problem in our country . According to the National Family Health Survey(NFHS-III) (2005-06), 46% children are underweight and 79.1% children in the age group 6-35 months are anemic. The details thereof are given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

The State-wise nutritional status and anemia among children as per the latest survey conducted by the Government, the National Family Health Survey-III, 2005-06 (NFHS-III) is enclosed.

The measures initiated by the Government to improve the nutritional status including anemia are given in the Statement-II (*See* below).

As per the State of the World's Children Report 2007, published by UNICEF, eight per cent of China's children five are underweight.